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SUBJ: ANGOLA: IMPENDING VISIT OF MPLA DELEGATION

REF: GEORGETOWN 2219

1. INCOVERSATION WITH A/DCM JANUARY 2, FONOFF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEAD ALVAREZ CALDERON CONFIRMED THAT MPLA DELEGATION IS EXPECTED IN LIMA PROBABLY NEXT WEEK. ALVAREZ CALDERON SAID VISIT WAS NON-OFFICIAL ONE WHICH GOP AGREED TO AT MPLA'S REQUEST.

2. ALVAREZ CALDERON SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT SPONSORSHIP THE GROUP WILL HAVE HERE. GROUP HAS ASKED FOR MEETING WITH FONMIN DE LA FLOR, WHICH IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALVAREZ CALDERON STRESSED THAT GOP PERMISSION FOR MPLA GROUP TO VISIT PERU DOES NOT CONSITITUTE RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. RECOGNITION QUESTION IS STILL PENDING.

3. COMMENT: THIS VISIT IS A POTENTIALLY TOUCHY ONE FOR THE GOP. ON THE ONE HAND, IT WANTS TO KEEP ITS NON-ALIGNED IMAGE AND STATUS BURNISHED AND COULD NOT REFUSE THE MPLA REQUEST TO COME TO PERU. ON THE OTHER HAND, AT LEAST

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TWO OF ITS "NON-ALIGNED" FRIENDS, CUBA AND ZAIRE, ARE

ANTAGONISTS OVER THE FUTURE OF THE MPLA AND ANGOLA. THE GOP ENJOYS POLITICAL AND OTHER SUPPORT FROM CUBA, BUT SHARES IMPORTANT ECONOMIC INTERESTS REGARDING COPPER AND CIPEC WITH ZAIRE. SINCE THE NON-ALIGNED ARE SPLIT ON THE ISSUE OF ANGOLA, PERU WOULD PROBABLY HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE THE MPLA VISIT QUESTION COME UP. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE AT WHAT LEVEL, IF ANY, THERE IS OFFICIAL GOP INVOLVEMENT WITH THE VISIT. ALSO, SINCE THE GOP DOMINATES THE LARGE CIRCULATION PRESS BUT DOES NOT COMPLETELY CONTROL THE MEDIA WHICH ARE HEAVILY INFILTRATED BY THE FAR LEFT, THERE IS A QUESTION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GOP WILL BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE PUBLICITY HERE.

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